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this is such a highly computerized project now, and everybody will have access to the software to draw the maps, and so we're going to have maps hitting us from every direction. And it is going to be a more difficult process, I believe, for the committee that actually draws the lines and implements this resolution. So I think their guidelines may have to be even a little bit more carefully thought out than they were last time as to how you deal with the public and all the different kinds of maps that will probably appear. The last thing I'd like to say is that there are two, huge issues looming for us next year, and I think Senator Coordsen, I didn't hear all of this remarks, but I think he touched on one of them anyway, and that's the percent deviation from the legislative districts, between the legislative districts. I think that will be one of the big decisions we have to make. The other big decision that we will have to make is whether we are going to use the actual count, or whether we are going to use the sampling for all other districts other than congressional districts. Congress has already determined that for Congress you do the actual count. I think Congress decided that, maybe it was the courts. Nevertheless, that's what it's going to be for Congress. The rest of the districts we have the option of using that sampling count, and it might really be to our best interest to do that, but that will be a lively discussion and a very important issue for us to address next year. I'm hoping that with the establishment of this task force and this resolution that the task force can become well versed in these issues and can do some of that ground work that is very necessary to seeing that the process goes smoothly next year. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Does anybody else wish to speak to the Bromm LR? Seeing none, Senator Bromm, do you wish to close on LR 494?

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you very much, Senator Cudaback. And I again appreciate the interest and the work that's been done by Senator Coordsen, the Exec Board, the task force, Senator Schimek and others. I do feel this is a significant, a more significant step, probably, than we realize. And I do think sometimes that it's good to make policy in this fashion when we can make decisions based on a more objective setting than if it becomes an effect upon us personally. The intent of this is to